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Serial No. To Be Assigned )  
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For: Rotary Input Device )

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Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit reference A1 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of the reference is enclosed herewith.

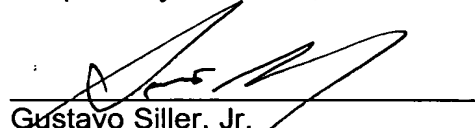
Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-294043 discloses a rotary input device.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this document and make it of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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